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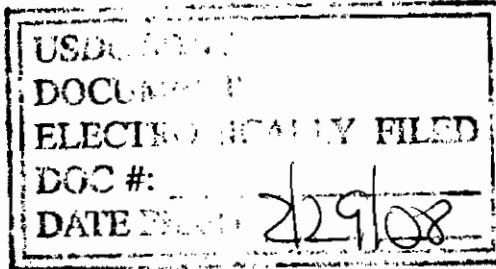
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Hon. Robert W. Sweet
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 1920
Courtroom: 18C
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Re: North East Insurance Company, et al vs. Rolling Acres Developers, LLC
Index Number: 07-CV-11107

Dear Judge Sweet:

I represent Rolling Acres Developers, LLC. I spoke today with Mr. Tsz Chan who advised that I send a facsimile to the court regarding the following two matters:

1. I respectfully request a three week extension to March 11, 2008 to answer or move with respect to the complaint. The plaintiff's attorney has consented to this extension of time.
2. I respectfully request that this case be assigned to the White Plains vicinage pursuant to Rule 21(a)(1) of the Rules For The Division Of Business Among District Judges.¹ According to Rule 21(a)(1), a civil case shall be designated for assignment to White Plains if the claim arose in whole or in major part in the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Westchester (the "Northern Counties") and at least one of the parties resides in the Northern Counties. Here, the claim arose out of a fire in Rockland County and the defendant is in Rockland County.

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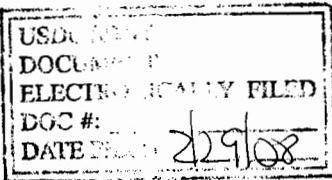
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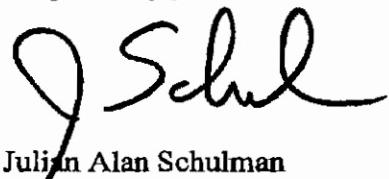
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